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APRIL 29, 1975
HENRYT A. KISSINGER
AMBASSADOR GRAHAM MARRTIN
1. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTTER FROM GENERAL MINH:

"DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:
I RRESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU GIVE AN ORDER FOR THE PERSONNEL OF THE DEEFENSE ATTACHE'S OFFICE (DAO) OO LEAVE VN WITHIN 24 HOURS BEGINNING APRIL 29, 1975 IN ORDER THAT THE QUESTION OF PEACE FOR VIET-NAM CAN BE SETTLED EARLY.

SINCERELY YOURS,
SAIGON, APRIL 28, 1975
GEN. DUONG VAN MINH"

2. I HAVE MADE TTHE FOLLOWING REPLY:
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:
I HAVE JUST RECEIVED YOUR NOTTE, DATED THE 29TH OF APRIL, REQSUESTING THAT I IMMEDIATELY GIVE AN ORDER FOR THE PERSONNEL OF THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFFICE (DAO) TO LEAVE VIETX-NAM WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.
THIS IS TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT I HAVE IISSUED ORDERS AS YOU HAVE REQUESTED.
I TRUST YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL INSTRUCT THE ARMED FORCES TO THE GOVERNMENT TO COTOPERATE INH EVERY WAY POSSIBLE IN FACILITATING THE SAFE REMOVAL OF THE PERSONNEL OF THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE.
I ALSO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT YO UR EXCELLENCY MAY INTERVENCE WITH THE OTHER SIDE TO PERMIT THE SAFE AND ORDERLY DEPARTURE OF THE DEFENSE ATTACHE AND HIS STAFF.

SINCERELY YOURS,
GRAHAM MARTIN

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AMERICAN AMBASSADOR

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, I REPEAT MY REQUESTH TO PERMIT ME AND ABOUT TWENTY OF MY STAFF TO REMAIN BEH IND, AT LEAST FOR A DAY OR TTWO TO AT LEAST GIVE SOME DIGNITY TO OUR DEPARTURE AND TOM FACILITATE AN ORDERLY DISPOSITION OF OUR EXTENSIVE PROTPERTIES HERE.

4. I CANX KEEP TWO AIR AMERICA HELICOPTERS AND HEM CAN DEPART AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE. I DO SERIOUSLY RECOMMEND THIS COURSE AND HOPE FOR YOUR PROMPT APPROVAL.

5. I WOULD INTEND IN EITHER CASE TO ASK THE FRENCH EMOBASSY TO ASSURE NORMAL CARETAKER RESPONSIBILITIES. THERE IS NO OTHER EMBASSY LEFT.

6. IN ANY EVENT, PRESIDENT MINH'S REQUEST WILL PERMIT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEPARTURE TO BE BY REQUEST, NOT FROM OUR OWN PANIC.

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